

Human race is sending messages in the deep space. What if someone answers? What then? Are we prepared for such an event? Do we have approved procedures? Or we shall improvise. For example, fire at them. After we called them. Because we thought they were hostile while actually they were not. Do we have established method of interpretation and translation of the intergalactic languages, symbols and data?

Let us say, hypothetically, that we meet an alien(s) from much intellectually and technologically superior civilization. The knowledge they possess is too complicated for us to comprehend. Forcing ourselves would be wrong - the knowledge transfusion must be gentle. Too much information overwhelms the brain and can easily damage it due to an excessive strain. First we must learn how to walk. Then run. And (quantum) jumping comes at last.

The movie Contact (1997) follows exactly the right path: E. T. `s didn`t just throw their advanced technology in front of the humans. They made people work the machine themselves because you understand better doing something on your own than merely accepting the final product.

Instead of fishing... Teach me how to make a net.

Did we prepare a team of scientists? What are their profiles? Do we have

physicist, medical professional, bioengineer, chemical researcher, mathematician, psychologist, language and body communication expert included? Or we shall improvise as well?

We will probably send politicians and generals ad hoc.

Did we prepare a list of topics intended for the discussion with an alien(s)? I guess we haven't. We will improvise that too.

But you do send messages in the outer space.

How stupid.

Or intentional?

What about Earth`s planetary defense?

Oh, in 2022. we have hit an asteroid, Dimorphos, with a washing machine.  
Tell me, how much armed spacecrafts do we have?